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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PATENT  
APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): Peter J. Hopper, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/ 727,451

Series Code ↑

Serial No. ↑

Group Art Unit 2812

Examiner: Ha T. Nguyen

Atty. Dkt. No. 100-18012

P05268-D01-F2

Client Ref

Filed: December 3, 2003

Title: Method Of Forming A Dual Damascene Metal Trace  
With Reduced RF Impedance Resulting From the  
Skin Effect (as amended)

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Date:

April 14, 2006

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).**

**Reply to any outstanding action and Rule 17(e) filing fee must be enclosed**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed \_\_\_\_\_
2. ☒ The enclosed Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_ and reply brief filed \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.
6. ☐ The Enclosed Non-Publish Request.
7. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which the required \$130 fee is enclosed
8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$790 is enclosed of which \$790 is the required RCE filing fee. (Postcard, fee transmittal (with copy) are also attached.)

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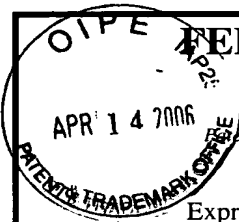
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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 502305

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

☒ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. FILING FEE/SEARCH FEE/EXAMINATION FEE

LARGE ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY		Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1011/1111/1311	1000	2011/2111/2311	500	Utility	
1012/1112/1312	430	2012/2112/2312	215	Design	
1013/1113/1313	660	2013/2113/2313	330	Plant	
1014/1114/1314	1400	2014/2114/2314	700	Reissue	
1005	200	2005	100	Provisional	
SUBTOTAL (1)					0

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	16 - 20 **	= 0	x 50	= \$ 0
Independent	3 - 3	= 0	x 200	= \$ 0
Multiple Dep.			*	= \$ 0

\*\* or number previously paid, if greater; for Reissues, see below:

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	50	2202	25	Claim in excess of 20
1201	200	2201	100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	360	2203	180	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	200	2204	100	** Reissue ind. claims over original patent
1205	50	2205	25	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) \$0

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. Additional Fees

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee	Fee Code	Fee	Description
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2520	1812	2520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920	1804	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1840	1805	1840	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month
1253	1020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1590	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2160	2255	1080	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	500	2401	250	Notice of Appeal
1402	500	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	1000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing
1451	1510	1451	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	500	2452	250	Petition to revive-unavoidable
1453	1500	2453	750	Petition to revive-unintentional
1501	1400	2501	700	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	800	2502	400	Design issue fee
1503	1100	2503	550	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid SUBTOTAL (3) \$790

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